

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 2010. In view of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 4-10 will remain pending in this application, with claims 4-7 being in independent form. Claims 4-7 have been amended. . Support can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 5, lines 1-5. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by the present amendments.

Interview Summary

Applicants appreciate the courtesy granted to Applicant's attorney, Michael A. Scaturro (Reg. No. 51,356), and Mr. Michael Epstein, patent agent, during a telephonic interview conducted on Thursday, January 06, 2011. During the telephonic interview, proposed amendments to claims 4-7 were presented. The Examiner recommended certain changes to the claim language to be more consistent with the wording in the specification. Otherwise, the Examiner agreed that the amended claims appeared to overcome the cited and applied art.

Rejections under 35 USC 103

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Application No. 2002/0154777 to Candelore in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,910,221 to Honda, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,659,617 to Fischer, and further in view of Otten (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,857).

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,924,378 to Hershey in view of Otten.

Claims 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,785,815 to Serret-Avila et al. in view of Honda, in view of Hershey et al., and further in view of Otten.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Serret-Avila-Honda-Hershey-Otten, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,496,802 to Zoest et al.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Serret-Avila-Honda-Hershey-Otten, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,954,786 to Vered et al.

The rejections will be addressed collectively.

The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 4-7 have been amended to recite further features that are neither taught or suggested by the cited and applied references. Accordingly, It is respectfully submitted that Candelore, Honda, Fischer, Dillenberger, Serret-Avila, Hershey, Vered, and Zoest, taken alone or in any proper combination do not anticipate independent claims 4-7 because the applied references do not teach every element of claims 4-7. For example, the cited portions of Candelore, Honda, Fischer, Dillenberger, Serret-Avila, Hershey, Vered, and Zoest do not teach or suggest, *"wherein each of the one or more requests issued from the first source comprise a request for access to randomly selected source information from the unknown second source"*, and *"...wherein the assessment of the one or more responses performed by the verifier comprises: continuously requesting randomly selected source information from the unknown source unit a statistically significant difference from the expected response time of a local source is detected..."*, as recited in claims 4-7. Emphasis Added. The cited and applied references are silent with regard to requesting randomly selected source information and continuously requesting the randomly selected source information until a statistically significant difference is detected from the expected response time.

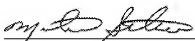
During the telephonic interview, the Examiner agreed that the cited and applied references do not teach the further features added to claims 4-7. Hence claims 4-7 are allowable and claims 8-10 are allowable, at least by virtue of their respective dependence from claim 7.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims presently pending in the application, namely, Claims 4-10 are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguishable over the art of record.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call Mike Belk, Esq., Intellectual Property Counsel, Philips Electronics North America, at 914-333-9643.

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